

Independent Office,  
New York, April 22, 1870.

My Dear Garrison,

I am thankful for your letter received yesterday. I shall now issue the call for the yearly meeting. The promised attendance of yourself and Mr. Channing will give great satisfaction to our friends in Pennsylvania.

I did not read the proceedings of ~~the~~ Mr. Phillips and his friends, but mailed the paper to you as soon as it came to my hand. Of course, you know I agree with you perfectly in regard to the whole affair. Per-

his conduct is at least as it  
is self-justifying. If the  
Independent were my paper,  
I would expose him, but I  
don't feel quite free to do so,  
and perhaps the game is hardly  
worth the candle.

Theodore made a great  
mistake in his "Peace" movement,  
and I think he is partly convinced  
of the fact now. Such a move-  
ment, to be successful, must  
have its origin with the parties  
to be united, not with outsiders;  
must be founded on an interior  
drawing, not carried by external  
pressure. I have talked very plainly  
and faithfully with him on the  
whole subject. It looks now  
as if the movement, however  
well-intended at first, would  
operate only to bring additional  
numbers to the Society of the

"Revolution." Theodore's card has been very extensively responded to. Perhaps a bushel of letters have come, each one (on the average) containing four or five names. The great mass of ~~these~~ <sup>the writers</sup> do not understand the merits of the controversy, and will be easily misled by the cry of "Peace," and by any ex parte documents that may be sent to them. If the mass of friends of the cause could be united in one Society, having the seat of its operations in New York, but in no way identified with the Revolution, it would be a grand thing; and I am sure that such was the hope and purpose of Theodore when he began his ill-judged movement.

How did you get the impression that Mrs. Johnson is

in Providence? Is it possible that  
I have not told you, or that you  
have not heard, that she went to  
Florida with Mrs. Davis about  
the middle of January? It was  
there that Mrs. Davis was taken  
sick, and that Mary Anne nursed  
her into convalescence. Mrs. D.  
was now gone to her sister in Georgia,  
but Mary Anne, when she last  
wrote, was still at Jacksonville,  
Fla. She is now recovering the  
strength she lost by nursing, and  
I hope she will come home  
recruited by her Southern residence.  
Say to Helen that Thomas Davis  
brought to me last evening the  
letter sent to his care for Mary  
Anne, and that I will for-  
ward it with the needful  
explanation.

Yours, always,

Eliza Johnson,